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From: Brownlow, Kellie
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 2:32 PM
To: 'Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)'
Subject: RE: SunTrust Parking questions

Dan

See below from Chairman Lee in response to your questions:

"The county has to provide for pedestrian safety and traffic flow in a high density area. County staff put a lot of time and effort into finding workable solutions and they studied best practices. When they presented a plan, all five commissioners agreed this was the best solution to keep tens of thousands of people and thousands of vehicles moving. I certainly have no concerns about property owners selling parking. Outside the radius they can apply to offer parking, and property owners inside the radius can appeal to do the same. We will work with them so long as it doesn't pose a threat to pedestrian safety or traffic flow."

Thank you.

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Tim:

I am working on a story about the special event parking ordinance. Many property owners within the half-mile radius around SunTrust Park were unaware of the restrictions. I wanted to ask you why this issue wasn't debated among the commission. It was passed with many other ordinances. And while there were three public hearings on the batch of new or revised ordinances, there was no substantive discussion among commissioners. Why, considering that the ordinance impacts so many people – the Braves, property owners and fans?

Why are you in favor of the ordinance?

I know that staff says the ordinance will help protect public safety, but do you think it will also help protect a Braves revenue stream – namely parking?

Wouldn't offering more parking lots to fans also help improve public safety by getting cars off the roadways more quickly?

County staff says they researched best practices, but was unable to provide any source material from their research. Are you satisfied that the research was thorough and complete?

Do you think this ordinance was necessary because of the MOU?

Thanks for answering my questions!

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